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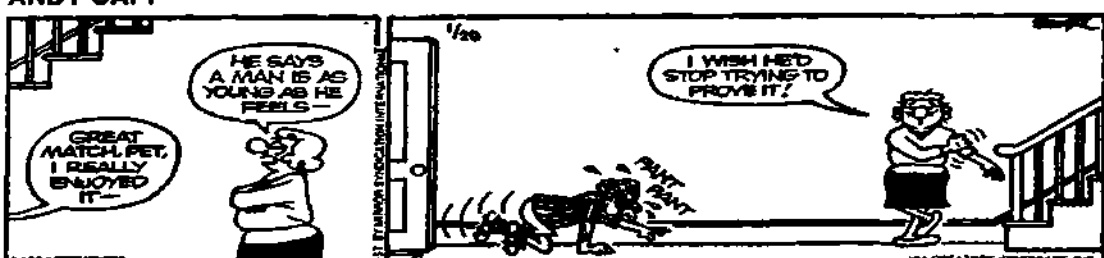
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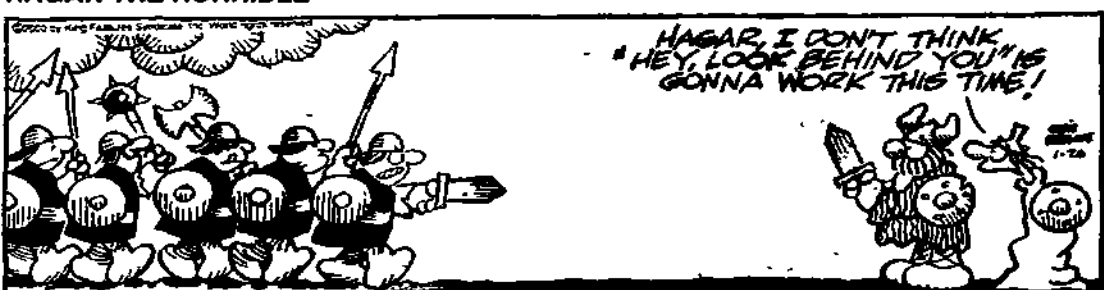
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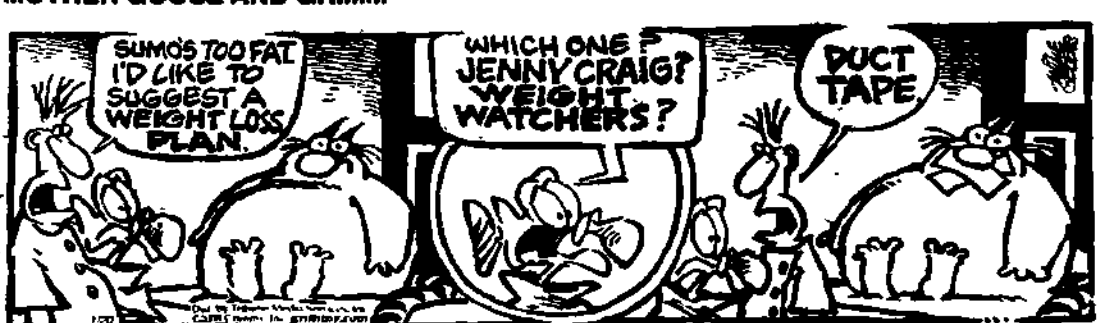
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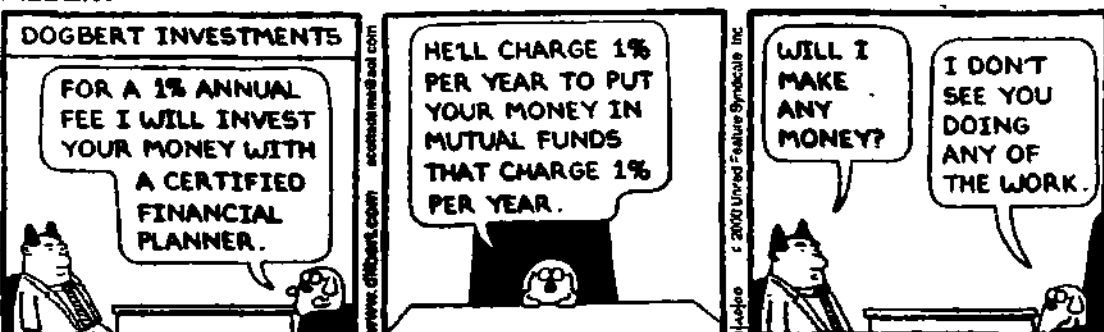
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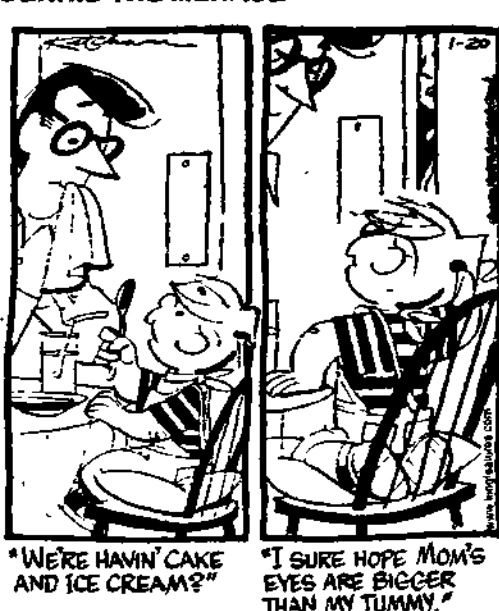
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Jan. 21

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Action and adventure are on the horizon as the moon enters Leo today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try to avoid power struggles with people in positions of authority today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Engaging in light debate is a great way to spend time today.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Today is a great day to spurge on something for yourself.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) As the moon enters your house today, your confidence level is at an all-time high.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Although you feel the need to be in control, it's still important that you remain flexible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) This is no time to sit at home feeling sorry for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Egos might collide today as you get into a heated discussion with a boss or authority figure.

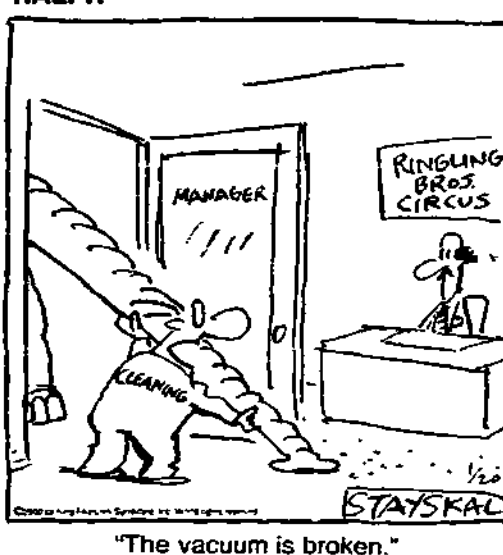
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You may have an opportunity to travel today so have your bags packed and ready to go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Business problems or money-related issues may have you pulling your hair out today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Power struggles with a mate or co-worker could ruin an otherwise good day.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) As the moon moves into the house of Leo, it's a good idea to focus some extra attention on health issues.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

NBA ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

L R O D L I F C Z W T Q N K I
F C Z A W U R P M J H E C Z X
U S Q N N L J G E Y T C Z X V
T R S T O U D A M I R E P N L
J H D L E S N U T B E R S C A
Y L W E V A R T T N B R A P N
L K A Y I M E B A D B O C B E
C B Z E X P W D V D B L U U S
R P O M N S R G N I W E L L J
I G E D B O A Y X K W U T I S
Q P O N J N A C N U D R I B H

Wednesday's unlisted clue: KELLY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue: SHAKUNTLE

Barry Bird Danley Duncan

Ewing Hill Iverson Jordan

Kodi Lucas Pettit Sampson

Stoudamire Unsett Webber

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took his diamond ace and was confident about his prospects. Even if dummy's spade queen proved useless, what could he lose other than a club and two spades? Overconfident players learn lessons the hard way, and South was no exception. He led a trump to dummy to lead a low club, unhappy when East played low. It didn't matter what South did now, since the game was headed for defeat. Desperately, South played his king, losing to West's ace. West returned a trump, leaving only two trumps in dummy. They were not enough to ruff South's club losers, and when the spade queen could not produce a trick, South lost two tricks in each black suit, sending the game one down. To ensure his game, South must not lead a trump to dummy, rejecting the general rule of leading toward one's honors (clubs). Instead, South should lead a low club away from his king at trick two. The defense wins and leads a trump, but it is too late. South wins the trump exit, and after cashing his spade ace, he crossruffs safely in both minors to win 10 tricks. The time to look for danger is when it looks as though none threatens.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Bruce Rubin, Joe Fortino; second, Judith Bailey, Janet Sinclair; Sunday evening, first, Mary Walsh, Allene Huntley; second, Bill Bremer, John Chappell; Gerta Freimark, Bill Barrington; Monday morning, first/second, Carl Brown, Claude Henri; Doug Lyon, Morgan Elmer; Monday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Bruce Rubin; second, J. W. Ineich, Jim Ineich; Tuesday evening, first/second, Bill Barrington, Bruce Rubin; Carl Banick, Charlotte Morseburg; Wednesday evening, first/second, Bill Barrington, Gerta Freimark; Murray Hall, Bruce Rubin; Thursday evening, first, Doug Lyon, Mary Walsh; second/third, Bill Barrington, Jean Gorman; Mike Albino, Cameron Ross; Friday morning, first/second, Matt Brown, Murray Hall; Janet Sinclair, Mary Walsh; Friday evening, first, Judy Alderman, Arlene Rainone; second, Bill Bremer, John Chappell.

Bridge Studio E-Z Bridge Division: Saturday evening, 1 NS, Concord; 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Clo Morris; 2 NS, Barbara Lorenz, Winona Phillips; 1 EW, Judy Butcher, Gerta Freimark; 2 EW, Fran Dussault, Harold Epoch.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Mary Gorkin, Jane Hackbarth; 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Katherine Worthen; 1 EW, Dale Swift, Gerry Wurdinger; 2/3 EW, Sallie Jamieson, Louise Starling; Barb Eveleigh, Fran McCarthy.

Stonewedge: 1 NS, 1 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Clo Morris; 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Barb Eveleigh; 1 EW, Joan Liddle, Fran McCarthy; 2 EW, Gerry Burns, Betty Pfeiffer.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, John Hemmer, Rick Olanoff; second, Bill Burnett, Don Dolpe; Thursday afternoon, first, Betty Burns, Mary Ann Finn; second, Bonnie Percival, Anne Schermach; Thursday evening, first, Bob Simard, Sharon Paulus; second, Frank Christian, Norm Radway; Friday evening, first, Ron Dewey, Bill Foster; second, Gerry Radway, Ann Simon. Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

BIRTHDAYS

Actor Lawrence Dobbin is 81. Country singer Slim Whitman is 76. Actress Patricia Neal is 74. Former astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin is 70. Pop singer Ron Townson (The Fifth Dimension) is 67. Comedian Arte Johnson is 66. Actress Dorothy Provine is 63. Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., is 61. Singer Eric Stewart is 55. Movie director David Lynch is 54. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 50.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1209

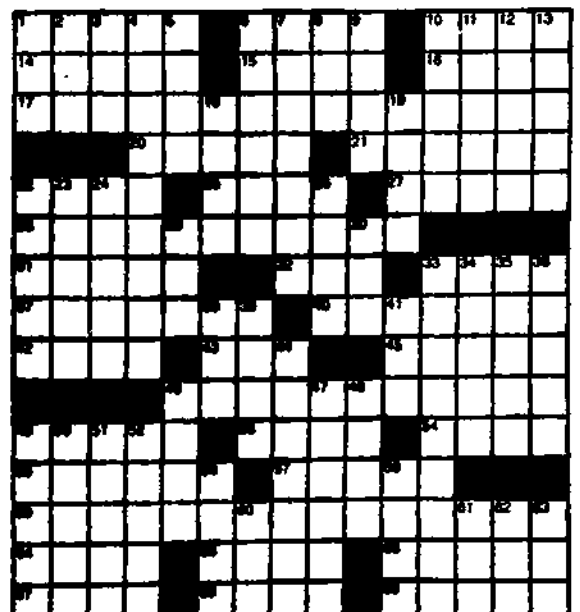
- ACROSS**
- 1 Jazzy hits
 - 6 Dry-as-dust
 - 10 Gund Arena hoopsters
 - 14 Author Calvino
 - 15 Level
 - 16 Shepherd of Genesis
 - 17 Start of a Harvey Kettel jest to a journalist
 - 20 Schemata
 - 21 Arctic transport
 - 22 1,000-kilometer chain
 - 25 Upstairs
 - 27 Clean up, in a way
 - 28 Jest, part 2
 - 31 Aircraft at Orly
 - 32 Top-Five support
 - 33 18-Down product
 - 37 Common ball
 - 40 "Grumpy Old Men" co-star
 - 42 Piece of complete content
 - 43 Philologist's ref.
 - 46 Big ape
 - 48 Jest, part 3
 - 49 Kind of waves
 - 53 They may be cosmic
 - 54 Solidly
 - 55 Locust tree
 - 57 Singer Lopez
 - 59 End of the jest
 - 64 Footnote abbr.
 - 65 Anemometer spinner
 - 66 Diploma word
 - 67 Wheeloid
 - 68 Pot builder
 - 69 Bacon piece

DOWN

- 1 The first Tudor Henry
- 2 Org. that does raids
- 3 Busy time at Indy
- 4 Drops with a thud
- 5 Essence
- 6 "Mutiny on the Bounty" star, 1982
- 7 Presents in detail
- 8 dye
- 9 Feathered layers
- 10 Caravan beast
- 11 Domicile
- 12 Brink
- 13 Chronotherapy aide it
- 18 Big Swedish manufacturer
- 19 Wittenberg's river
- 22 Sentient
- 23 Was sweet on
- 24 "The possession of fools": Herodotus
- 26 Forward part
- 29 Four seasons in Boja
- 30 Confession starter
- 33 Dreadful

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FOLDUS LAWN PAIR
AMORE ALOW EONA
CANOPERS NIPS
TREBLE SHAKUP
SUV BEERNOTS
DIM MINE ELI
ADDS ROLL OVOID
ZESY AWFUL EGGY
SANTIS SARA SLOE
ROD SENT ERR
HALPREST CAB
FORGET SERAPES
TORT JOINTYTRUST
CREE ALIA ARRAU
HENS YELP BERUM



- 34 Orange-and-white rental
- 35 Mambo cousin
- 36 Is expected (to)
- 38 Beluga yield
- 39 Rabin's predecessor
- 41 Sprout
- 44 Crime lab job
- 46 Canning instruction
- 47 Dance wily
- 48 Just should be
- 49 Went ballistic
- 50 Urgent
- 51 Sex-Day War commander
- 52 Without empathy
- 56 Bit of plankton
- 58 Big Board ints.
- 60 Schoolmarm's do
- 61 Verbal stumbles
- 62 Thurman of "Jennifer 6"
- 63 Settle up with

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